MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): So far there has been no loss. We have been getting our 12½ and 6¼ per cent.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Are the articles being sold at a price higher than the cost price?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Yes; we are adding to the cost price 12½ per cent. on private articles and 6¼ per cent. on Government articles as the sales commission to our Sales Depot. That is the gain that we make.

Construction of roads in the Mavelikara taluk.

56*. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the investigation promised by the Dewan at the 27th Session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, in reply to the representation of Mr. Nilakanta Pillai Govinda Pillai, regarding the construction of certain roads in the Mavelikara taluk has been conducted; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, the result of the investigation with regard to each item?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) (i) An estimate for constructing culverts on the ryots' road from Thonnallur to Athikattukulangara has been sanctioned and funds provided. Land plan and area list for the formal acquisition of land and for removing encroachments have been forwarded to the Land Revenue Commissioner. The parties interested have not yet surrendered the lands free of compensation as promised.

(ii) An estimate has been prepared for improving the road from Punnamedu market two miles south of Mavelikara Arattukadavu and joining Kayankulam-Thattarambalam road.

(iii) The interested ryots have not completed the portion of their work as required by the Ryots' Road Rules with regard to the road from 2nd mile Mavelikara-Pandalam road to Eravankara. The Government can attend to further improvements and bring the road under departmental maintenance only after the ryots completed their portion of the work in conformity with the Ryots' Road Rules.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is that all? (*Laughter.*)

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): That is all.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): What about the Oachira-Tamaracolam road, which also was included in the representation and about which the Dewan promised an investigation?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Investigation has been made; that road will cost about Rs. 36,000.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Why is it that that road was omitted in the answer?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Somehow, it appears to have been omitted in my office.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether provision was made for that road in the budget in the previous years?

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MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): There was provision in one year.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Only in one year?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I am not sure whether there was provision for it in more than one year. I am sorry I have not got that information.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Beyond that provision in the budget once, was anything done for carrying out the work?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): No; the estimate had not then been prepared, and the usual Government approval had not been obtained.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Has the Government approval been obtained now?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I have not got that information before me.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): With regard to item No. (i), the member stated that Government do not intend to do anything further unless the people surrender the lands free.

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): All that I said was that the parties interested had not yet surrendered the lands. Now, formal land acquisition proceedings are going on.

Damage caused by recent floods in the taluks of Tovala and Agastisvaram.

57*. MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the distress of the ryots and the damages caused to them by the recent floods and that they had to renew cultivation more than once in some places even four times in the taluks of Tovala and Agastisvaram;

(*b*) that representations were made to the Government in that behalf; and

(*c*) if so, what action they propose to take in order to relieve not only the distress caused thereby but also to relieve the burden of the taxation at least in view of their present distress?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): (*a*) Government are aware that in some places damage has been caused to standing crops and to cultivations already made for the Kanny crop of 1109.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The P. W. D. has been requested to effect the necessary improvement to the river banks, etc., and the Tahsildars have instructions to prepare detailed lists in respect of the damage to crops and to submit remission statements after personally inspecting and satisfying themselves of the necessity of the remission.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILAI (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to expedite the report from the Tahsildars?

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